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1. EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 23 RECEIVED LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 16 FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS NAEHER FROM V. MINASHIN, CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR SATELLITE ADMINISTRATION, USSR MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS. ORIGINAL SENT BY AIR POUCH TO DEPARTMENT.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. NAEHER:

THE NEW SET OF SCPC EQUIPMENT, WHICH WE RECEIVED FROM ITT, IS BEING PREPARED BY US FOR TESTING. WE PLAN TO COMPLETE THIS WORK SHORTLY. WE WILL COMMUNICATE TO YOU BY THE 144 SERVICE CHANNEL TGP -4 CONNECTED WITH THE TUNING AND TESTING ON LINE OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

I COMPLETELY AGREE THAT THE TGP-4 CHANNEL MUST BE, AT A MINIMUM, AS RELIABLE IN USE AS CHANNEL TGP-1.

I CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON THE SUCCESSFUL TESTING OF THE EQUIPMENT AT DETRICK EARTH STATION. WE ARE CARRYING OUT PREPARATORY MEASURES FOR THE INITIATION OF JOINT TESTS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN THE EARTH STATIONS AT VLADIMIR AND DETRICK.

I WILL SEND YOU FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT A FIRM DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THESE TESTS.

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WITH VERY BEST WISHES, V.P. MINASHIN

END QUOTE.

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